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Senate committee to take testimony on ANS legislation and DEQ report

Who: Sen. Patty Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township, members of the Senate

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee and members of the House Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use and Environment

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Committee.

What: Joint committee meeting to hear presentations regarding Senate Bill 332

and the Department of Environmental Quality's ballast water report.

When: Thursday, April 14

8 a.m.

Where: Room 519, House Office Building

124 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI

Briefing: The following people will be testifying before the joint committee:

- Stephen Chester, director of the Department of Environmental Quality
- Ken DeBeaussaert, director of the Office of the Great Lakes
- Peter Manning, assistant attorney general in the Environment, Natural Resources & Agricultural Division of the Office of the Attorney General
- Andy Buchsbaum, director of the Great Lakes Natural Resource Center for the National Wildlife Federation
- Sam Washington, executive director of the MI United Conservation Clubs